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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 24 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998) (S/1998/992)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Monday, 26 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.*	89th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 43rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)].

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)].

3. Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51].

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112] .

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119].

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265)

General debate

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

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* Following the adjournment of the briefing given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Special Representative and National Coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III (see p. 4).

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

2. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

General discussion (concluded)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on agenda item 95 (Operational activities for development) (A/C.2/53/L.8).

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

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* Following the consideration by the General Assembly of the reports of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
2. Executive session on the International Court of Justice
3. The impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Sixty-second session

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	1707th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Election of the President and the Vice-President
3. Other matters

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Briefings

SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

A briefing on next year's Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, UNISPACE III (Vienna, 19-30 July 1999), convened as a special session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), will be given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and Ambassador Peter Jankowitch, Special Representative and National Coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III, immediately after the adjournment of the 11th plenary meeting of the Fourth Committee on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 4. Information will be provided, *inter alia*, on the participation of the private sector, organizational aspects of the planned space exhibition, as well as accompanying events like Space Generation Forum, for young professionals and students. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 26 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94 (e): Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; and item 94 (a): Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21)

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

1 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 104: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91 (a): Trade and development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: Globalization; 93 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); and 93(g): Cultural development)

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY COUNCIL MATTERS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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The informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Ireland, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a draft resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (agenda item 85).

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There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the United Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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* To be issued.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will take place on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be an informal meeting on action against corruption and bribery, under agenda item 92 (a) (Business and development), on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 3rd meeting of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/206).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 14th meeting

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80).

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Israel and Brazil.

SECOND COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.11

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as on behalf of the sponsors listed, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.11.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic cooperation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (a).

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.12.

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (b).

The representative of Ukraine introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed and the United States, who joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee continued consideration of the items and heard statements by the observer of the Holy See and the representatives of Turkey, New Zealand, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, Slovakia, Iceland, Slovenia, Kuwait, Guatemala, Namibia, Tunisia and China.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

The representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development made a statement.

24th meeting

Panel discussion on "How to achieve a better coherence and improved coordination among environmental and environment related Conventions".

The Chairman welcomed the panellists and made a statement.

The panellists were Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Bio-Diversity.

The representatives of Germany, India, Japan, the United States, Austria, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Marshall Islands and Brazil, as well as the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Development Programme posed questions to the panellists. The panellists responded to questions raised by delegations and made concluding remarks.

The Chairman made concluding remarks.

24th (resumed) meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burundi, Mexico, Ukraine, the Sudan, Guinea, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Niger and the Philippines.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement of clarification for the record.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 94 (a) to Monday, 26 October, at 6 p.m, and agenda item 91 until Tuesday, 27 October at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of Peoples to Self-determination and the Deputy to the Director, New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The three introductory speakers responded to questions raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Fiji.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ukraine, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, the Russian Federation and Pakistan.

Organization of work

It was announced that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under items 108 and 109 had been extended to Wednesday, 28 October, at 6 p.m.

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Addendum to the summary of the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Third Committee (see *Journal* 1998/204, p. 12): the following text should be added at the beginning of the summary:

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, San Marino, Yemen, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Australia, Liechtenstein, the Czech Republic, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Cyprus, Norway, Mali, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, responded to points raised during the discussion.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Russian Federation, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Bangladesh, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Kenya, Canada, Egypt, the United States and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 26 October, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Radhia Achouri (Tunisia).

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Canada, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, made a statement and informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Following a statement by the representative of Uganda, the Chairman proposed to address a letter to the Chairmen of the other Main Committees requesting their comments on the relevant proposed revisions to the medium-term plan that had not been submitted to the attention of sectoral and regional bodies, specifically Programme 1 (Political affairs), Programme 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space), Programme 13 (International drug control), Programme 18 (Economic and social development in Western Asia), Programme 20 (Humanitarian assistance), Programme 26 (Disarmament) and Programme 28 (Economic and Social affairs).

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Cuba.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the proposal put forth by the Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 22 October 1998 addressed to him by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/28) transmitting a letter from the Permanent Representatives of Iraq.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sudan, the Republic of the Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, China and Indonesia.

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of informal consultations, informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations hold on the question.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider the application for exemption to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/28) submitted by Iran, together with those in documents A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24, during informal consultations.

Other matters

At the request of the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, without a vote, to invite the representatives of CCISUA and FICSA to make oral statements in connection with agenda items 119 and 120.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba and Costa Rica regarding the security procedures at the United Nations garage.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Accession: Uzbekistan (22 October 1998)*

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. New York, 21 November 1947

Application to ICAO and IMO: Slovenia (21 October 1998)*

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles engaged in International Goods Transport. Geneva, 14 December 1956

Accession: Uzbekistan (22 October 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Niger (23 October 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Antigua and Barbuda (23 October 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 from 26 to 29 October 1998, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Tuesday, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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